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SUSTAINED PROSPERITY IN 1927; VALUE OF HIGH WAGES KNOWN

the Baltimore & Ohio and the Canadian National Railroad may reasonably be regarded as indicative of what is to be expected in 1927. The construction industry, which is a key industry, is almost as good prospects as last year.

"Another favorable indication is the halt that has been called on Communist activities in New

Communist activities in New York City. So completely have Communist methods been discredited that it will be less easy to impose upon workers in the coming year.

Bituminous coal and textiles have much to do to bring these industries up to average efficiency. It is more than probable that 1927 will bring both these industries opportunities for progress. Prospects ahead are good and our unions should be planning to take advantage of them.

conductors and runmen on the line to keep abreast with the Eastern roads and for shopmen progress."

**Uncommon;
Many Trade Unions**

... week is not uncommon in
United States Bureau of Labor

the five-day week, following
made a survey of the subject
ever manufacturer is simply

worked variously in five or six days, is quite frequent. Other trades in which the five-day week is established to a greater or a lesser extent are: Bakers, laundrymen, paper box board industry, hosiery and machine shops and iron and steel industry.

ole still has many employees work long hours, but the five-day week exists in certain occupations in certain plants. Thus, the 1926 survey of the bureau found that 2.1 per cent of all the employees covered worked regular five-day or five-night weeks of the five-turn workers were in flour-mills (13 per cent of the total employees therein) and in the pudding plants (6 per cent of the total employees therein).

In addition to the adoption of the five-day week as a regular practice in certain industrial establishments, a

years, a significant extension of the practice of Saturday closing in summer months. The practice is extensive in retail stores and is known to exist also in other lines of business, although no

IS PARTISANSHIP
BASED ON HABIT?

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Are political party lines significant of anything but habit and tradition?

Within the more limited field of state politics it may certainly be questioned whether there can exist really enduring and meaningful two-party groupings; at any rate whether such groups could be formed by the kind of organizations operating in the national field. The major national parties do not

now often stand for definite issues in state politics.

SINCLAIR AND FALL MUST STAND TRIAL

Washington, Jan. 1.—A District of Columbia court has ruled that Harry Sinclair, oil magnate, and former secretary of the Interior Fall must stand trial. They are charged with

The case is somewhat similar to the Doheny-Fall criminal trial, which recently resulted in an acquittal.

Government attorneys acknowledged at their case against Sinclair and all will be handicapped by the absence of James E. O'Neill, former president of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, and Harry Blackmer, former chairman of the Midwest Refining Company. Both men, government attorneys claim, could throw light on liberty bond transactions in which the company was interested. The absent businessmen also "happened" to be in Europe when civil proceedings involving

the Teapot Dome oil lease was
by Federal Judge Kennedy in
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Since then Congress has passed
imposing a fine of \$10,000 on an
American citizen who is abroad and
refuses to answer a court sub-
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DEFEND INSTALLMENT PLAN
New York, Jan. 1.—Installment buy-

is approved by Otto H. Kahn, banker
a speech in this city. He said the
system has raised the standard of living
if it is superior to any other.